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In re Patent Application of:  
David L. Becker *et al.*

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For: FORMULATIONS COMPRISING ANTISENSE  
NUCLEOTIDES TO CONNEXINS

Examiner: S. McGarry

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 6, 2004, applicant hereby provisionally elects Group VII, claims 20-23, and 26, for continued examination, with traverse.